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Warm up your winter with the Park District of Ottawa County, Elmore Historical Society

Village of Elmore, OH, Jan. 9, 2025 – The Park District of Ottawa County and the Elmore Historical Society are teaming up to offer the Hot Cocoa Walk, back for its second year and with plenty of activities to embrace the winter season, the fascinating history of Elmore, and the tracks animals make in the winter snow.

Set for 1 to 3 p.m. January 25 at Depot Park in Elmore, on the North Coast Inland Trail, this free event is open to all ages and will be held snow or shine. A cozy hot cocoa station stocked with a variety of sweet toppings will again greet attendees in the heated Barn, and activities will include a self-guided animal track scavenger hunt along the North Coast Inland Trail and nearby area, a children's Origami craft game, and historical building tours of The Heckman Log Cabin built in the 1860s and the Elmore Train Depot Museum housing memorabilia from historic Elmore. The Elmore Train Depot opened in 1869 and was purchased by the Elmore Historical Society in 1981. It opened as a historical museum in 2001.

Depot Park is located at 353 Ottawa St. in Elmore 43416.

The Park District of Ottawa County is excited to again partner with the Elmore Historical Society for this fun event that encourages participants to get outdoors – despite the cold – and embrace the season.

“The Elmore Historical Society is excited to be partnered with all local organizations whenever possible,” said JoAnne Craft, president of the Elmore Historical Society. “We are especially

thrilled to work with the Park District of Ottawa County to organize this fun, wintery event way out here on the West end of Ottawa County! In Elmore, we have so much to offer, and we are so fortunate to have the North Coast Inland Trail, the Portage River Water Trail and our wonderful historical town and buildings to share throughout the whole year.”

To learn more about the Park District of Ottawa County, visit ottawacountyparksoh.org and follow the Park District of Ottawa County at www.facebook.com/parkdistrictofottawacounty. Learn more about the Elmore Historical Society at <https://sites.google.com/view/elmoreohiohistoricalsociety/home?authuser=0>

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